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FREEZE-DRYING FOODSTUFFS)	
AND MEDICAMENTS (as amended)))	

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's April 22, 2003, Office Action, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures and replacement abstract is attached following page 12 of this paper.